

DO YOU KNOW WHAT ADJUSTED COMPENSATION REALLY MEANS? IF YOU DO NOT PLEASE READ THIS

Under the terms of the adjusted compensation bill now before congress, every American World War veteran up to and including the grade of captain in the army and the major corps and lieutenant in the navy is entitled to an adjusted service credit of \$1.25 a day for service overseas or afloat and of \$1 a day for home service. From this credit, which every veteran can readily compute for himself if he remembers the important dates of his service career, must be deducted \$60 representing the discharge bonus given every man on leaving the service. Service must be computed between the dates April 6, 1917, and July 1, 1919. The maximum adjusted service credit to which a veteran is entitled is \$500 for home and \$625 for foreign service, according to the terms of the measure.

The bill contains the following provisions: 1. Adjusted Service Pay.—This, the only cash feature provided for in the adjusted compensation bill, is payable only to men whose adjusted service credit, after deducting the \$60 discharge bonus, comes to \$50 or less. Roughly, it affects only men who served less than four months. (This provision must be accepted by veterans who are not entitled to more than \$50.) 2. Adjusted Service Certificates.—These certificates are paid-up endowment insurance policies, payable at the end of twenty years to the veteran if he is still alive, or, if he dies in the interval, to his estate. The certificate would have a redemption

value at the end of the twenty-year period of the adjusted service credit plus 25 per cent, the whole plus 4 1/2 per cent interest, come to 8.015 the value of the adjusted service credit. Adjusted service certificates would have a loan value on the following basis: For the first three years the certificate holder would be allowed to borrow from a bank 50 per cent of the value of his adjusted service credit plus the interest thereon at 4 1/2 per cent compounded annually. From three to six years following issuance of the certificate he could borrow 85 per cent of his credit plus interest; after six years, 87 1/2 per cent plus interest. In case of failure to make payments on these loans when due the veteran would not lose his certificate. The secretary of the treasury would be required to take them up and redeeming them by paying the option of interest, this provision to remain in effect during the twenty-year life of the certificate.

3. Vocational Training Aid.—This provision allows the veteran to apply his adjusted service credit, computed at \$1.75 a day, to complete an education interrupted by the war. 4. Farm or Home Aid.—Veterans who wish to make improvements on city or suburban homes or purchase or make payments on city homes or farms or pay off landed indebtedness may receive for this specific purpose adjusted service credits based on length of service increased by 25 per cent.

HERE IS LIST OF NEW BOOKS AT TORRANCE LIBRARY

Following is a list of new books at the Torrance library: Abbott, Sick-Abed Lady; Abbott, Abbott, April; Abbott, Minglestrems; Altscheler, Sun of Quebec; Babcock, Soul of Abe Lincoln; Babcock, Soul of Ann Rutledge; Bailey, Gay Cockade; Barbour, Danforth Plays the Game; Barbour, Sinkler's Field; Barclay, Mistress of Shenstone; Barnes, Little Betty Blew; Bindloss, Wilderness Patrol; Black, Wild Bell; Brown, Margaret; Brown, Roof Tree; Buckroose, Gay Morning; Bullen, Bounteous Boy; Burgess, Adventures of Jerry Muskrat; Burgess, Adventures of Johnny Chuck; Burgess, Unc' Billy Possum; Burgess, Mother West Wind "How" Stories; Burgess, Tommy and the Wishing-Stone; Burnham, Hearts' Haven. Crawford, Saracinesca; Garland, Ross Grant, Tenderfoot; Gray, Bouncing Bet; Green, Mystery of the Erik; Gregor, War Trail; Hamp, Treasure of Mushroom Rock; Hornbrook, Penrose Lorry, Radio Amateur; Howard, Banbury Cross Stories; Innes, Our Little Danish Cousin; Jackson, Peggy Stewart at Home; Johnson, Mildred's Inheritance; Judson, Garden Adventures of Tommy Tittlemouse; Kid-long, Just So Stories; Knipe, Maid of '76. Lynde, Dick and Larry, Freshmen; Lynde, Real Man; McCutcheon, Prince of Graustark; MacGrath, Drums of Jeopardy; McKowan, Janet of Kootenay; McNeil, Buried Treasure; McNeil, Milkmaid; Molesworth, "Carrots"; Morosco, Cap Fallen, Fire Fighter; Mother Goose, Hot Cross Buns and Other Mother Goose Rhymes; Norr, Certain People of Importance; Rankin, Dandelion Cottage; Ray, Teddie; Her Daughter; Rinehart, Breaking Point; Robinson, Three Kittens in a Boat; Robinson, Little Lucia; Roit-Wheeler, Boy with the U. S. Trappers; Roit-Wheeler, Monster-Hunters.

Sabin, Opening the West with Lewis and Clark; Schultz, Rising Wolf; Seaman, Sapphire Signet; Sinclair, Sanctus Spiritus and Company; Stevenson, Little Comrade. Taggart, Six Girls and Betty; Tarkington, Gentle Julia; Tuttle, Reddy Brant, His Adventures; Vane, Ferry-bridge Mystery; Verrill, An American Boy; Webster, Dear Enemy; Webster, When Patty Went to College; Wells, Mystery Girl; Wells, Raspberry Jam; Wells, Bealy; Wells, When the Sleeper Wakes; Wharton, House of Mirth; Whitaker, Over the Border; White, Adventures of Bobby Ode. Widemer, Winona on Her Own; Williams, Yellow Streak; Williamson, Everyman's Land; Willis, Enchanted Canyon; Wilson, Oh Doctor; Woolwine, In the Valleys of the Shadows; Wright, Their Yesterdays. Anderson, Insecticides and Fungicides; Blaisdell, American History Story-Book; Boddy, Japanese in America; Cabell, From the Hidden Way; Carlyle, New Letters, Vol. 1; Carlyle, New Letters, Vol. 2; Cooke, Day in a Shipyard; Cooke, Story of Napoleon Bonaparte; Cox, Problems of Population; Du Chaillu, In African Forest and Jungle; Farris, Old Roads Out of Philadelphia; Ford, Story of Francis Drake; Fowler, Missionary Addresses. Galsworthy, Plays, Fourth Series; Bit's Love, etc.; Gilman, Housekeeping; Gleaves, Life of an American Sailor; Godfrey, New Forest; Hall, Gift of Sleep; Harris, Pirate Tales from the Law; Harris, Uncle Remus and His Friends; Hawkes, Showet to the Children; Hawthorne, Wonder Book for Girls and Boys; Lang, Snow Queen and Other Stories. Laughlin, Complete Hostess; Lear, Nonsense Books; Martens, Art of the Prima Donna and Concert Singer; Middleton, Poems and Songs; Mitton, London; Muir, Mountains of California.

SHELL OIL TO CLASH WITH UNION TOOL

Next Sunday, Feb. 17, Shell Oil will play Union Tool on the Union Tool ball grounds. Shell Oil is leading the Triple A league and a defeat for them will result in a tie for first place. Shell Oil has such stars as Lafayette of the Pacific Coast league, Snyder, Cyler, Flippen, Metz, Young, and Delaguerra of the Western league. Fred Fairbanks will try to win his twelfth straight victory, while Haycox will try to put one over on Union Tool. Happy Wenz, whom all will remember from the Legion bouts, will be on hand to do his stuff. He is noted as the funniest ball player in captivity. Come out and boost for the home club Sunday at 2:15 p. m.

J. W. McMillan Is On Torrance Force

J. W. McMillan, with more than five years' experience as a policeman, has joined the Torrance force, replacing Officer McGowan. McMillan went to work Saturday night. He will be on the night shift.

County Juvenile Agent To Address P. T. A. Wednesday

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher association will be held in the music room of the high school Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The speaker of the afternoon will be Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis of the Juvenile Protective association of Los Angeles county. "Juvenile Protective Work in Los Angeles County" will be the subject of Mrs. Lewis' discourse.

Three Wells Are Put On Production

Three wells were placed on production in the field over the week-end. Petroleum Securities No. 9 was completed at 8770 feet and is yielding 900 barrels a day. The Julian Petroleum corporation finally got Splitstoeser No. 1 to produce on the pump. The well is yielding 150 barrels of 14 gravity oil. Standard's Kettler No. 1 was brought in on the beam for 76 barrels.

SURPRISE MRS. MEINZER

Mrs. A. W. Meinzer experienced a real honest-to-goodness surprise one evening last week, when a number of friends dropped in to remind her of her birth anniversary. "Five Hundred" furnished diversion for the evening. Mr. Meinzer served a delicious lunch to the following: Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Crimmings, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fess, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Confer, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Mowry, Mrs. May McKinley, Mr. Ballinger, Mr. and Mrs. Dwyer Reddon of Los Angeles, the honoree and Mr. Meinzer.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS

Thursday, Feb. 21, is the date of the "kid" party that is being planned by the Royal Neighbors. Everybody will dress as children and play kid games. The affair will be held in Catholic hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Billings, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace H. Gilbert, are spending some time at Catalina. The Billings arrived here recently from their home in Worcester, Mass.

Mrs. J. Walter Morris is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacNeely of Pomona.

A. W. Mueller of the Plaza hotel spent Sunday at Compton.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Incidents Which Relate His Great Character, His Matchless Humor and His Warm Heart

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S LETTER TO MRS. BIXBY Dear Madam: I have been shown in the files of the War Department a statement of the Adjutant General of Massachusetts that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously on the field of battle. I feel how weak and fruitless must be any word of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the republic they died to save. I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

Yours very sincerely, A. LINCOLN. HIS HONESTY (From "Anecdotes of Abraham Lincoln and Lincoln's Stories.") LINCOLN could not rest for an instant under the consciousness that he had, even unwittingly, defrauded anybody. On one occasion, while clerking in Offutt's store at New Salem, Ill., he sold a woman a little bill of goods, amounting in value, by the reckoning, to two dollars six and a quarter cents. He received the money, and the woman went away. On adding the items of the bill again, to make sure of its correctness, he found that he had taken six and a quarter cents too much. It was night, and closing and locking the store, he started out on foot, a distance of two or three miles, for the house of his defrauded customer, and, delivering over to her the sum whose possession had so much troubled him, went home satisfied.

On another occasion, just as he was closing the store for the night, a woman entered, and asked for a half pound of tea. The tea was weighed out and paid for, and the store was left for the night. The next morning, Lincoln entered to begin the duties of the day, when he discovered a four-ounce weight on the scales. He saw at once that he had made a mistake, and, shutting the store, he took a long walk before breakfast to deliver the remainder of the tea. These are very humble incidents, but they illustrate the man's perfect conscientiousness—his sensitive honesty—better perhaps than they would if they were of greater moment.

HUNGER FOR KNOWLEDGE (From "Anecdotes of Abraham Lincoln and Lincoln's Stories.") IN his eagerness to acquire knowledge, young Lincoln had borrowed of Mr. Crawford, a neighboring farmer, a copy of Weems' Life of Washington—the only one known to be in existence in that section of the country. Before he had finished reading the book, it had been left, by a not unnatural oversight, in a window. Meantime, a rain storm came on, and the book was so thoroughly wet as to make it nearly worthless. This mishap caused him much pain; but he went, in all honesty, to Mr. Crawford with the ruined book, explained the calamity that had happened through his neglect, and offered, not having sufficient money, to "work out" the value of the book.

"Well, Abe," said Mr. Crawford, after due deliberation, "as it's you, I won't be hard on you. Just come over and pull fodder for me for two days, and we will call our accounts even." The offer was readily accepted, and the engagement literally fulfilled. As a boy, not less than since, Abraham Lincoln had an honorable conscientiousness, integrity, industry, and an ardent love of knowledge.

AN INCIDENT

JOSEPH JEFFERSON, late dean of the American stage, in his Autobiography tells the following incident which occurred in Springfield, Illinois, in 1839. It seems that Mr. Jefferson and a company of players found it impossible to open their theatrical performance due to a prohibitive license fee which had recently been enacted into the laws of the city. Mr. Jefferson writes:

"In the midst of these troubles a young lawyer called upon the manager. He had heard of the injustice and offered, if they would place the matter in his hands, to have the license taken off, declaring he only desired to see fair play, and he would accept no fee, whether he failed or succeeded. The young lawyer began his harangue. He handled the subject with tact, skill, and humor, tracing the history of the drama from the time when Theopis acted in a court, to the stage of today. He illustrated his speech with a number of anecdotes, and kept the council in a roar of laughter; his good-humor prevailed, and the exorbitant tax was taken off.

"This young lawyer (continues Mr. Jefferson) was very popular in Springfield and was honored and beloved by all who knew him, and after the time of which I write he held a rather important position in the government of the United States. He now lies buried near Springfield, under a monument commemorating his greatness and his virtues—and his name was Abraham Lincoln."

LINCOLN THE LAWYER

THERE are many more or less authentic anecdotes concerning Lincoln's early practice, but neither the character of the litigation in which he was engaged or its remuneration affords any fair criterion of his legal ability. He should be judged by the place he won for himself among his contemporaries, and to estimate the value of that judgment it is necessary to know his competitors and what manner of men they were. The newly settled States attracted immigration of a high order of intelli-

gence, and Illinois was particularly fortunate in its new citizens. Young men came from the East and the South, Americans of energy, ambition, and strength, who rapidly adapted themselves to their new surroundings and became thoroughly identified with the local interests. Douglas, Baker, Logan, Edwards, McClernand, Stuart, Trumbull, McDougall, Brown, Hardin, Davis, Lincoln—every one of them came of English-speaking progenitors, and only one was foreign-born. These were some of the men with whom Lincoln associated almost from the outset of his law practice, and many of them were already admitted to the bar when he joined the ranks of the profession. That they were a remarkably talented company does not admit of doubt.

Among the members of the backwoods legislature to which Lincoln was first elected were a future President of the United States, a future candidate for the Presidency, six future United States senators, eight future cabinet members, a future cabinet secretary, to say nothing of other men who distinguished themselves professionally in later years. Almost without exception, these men were lawyers, whom Lincoln met and practiced against during the three-and-twenty years of his professional life. To have held his own in such a brilliant coterie would certainly have been a creditable achievement, but it can be demonstrated that Lincoln not only held his own, but, early in his career, became one of the leaders, if not the leader, of the Springfield bar.—Frederick Trevor Hill in "Lincoln the Lawyer."

Big Future Seen For Pumps

(Continued from Page One) With the price of oil where it is and with additional increases certain to come, companies which have or are able to secure large leases south of present production will be able to drill at a profit, according to a general belief among operators now.

Oil in storage is gradually decreasing. The increases in crude oil prices are evidences of nothing but the law of supply and demand. The demand for oil is shown by the fact that independent rights now are offering attractive bonuses for oil in Torrance and Lomita.

As the demand becomes even more acute, and as the price paid for petroleum goes even higher, companies will be willing to drill wells for 100 and 150-barrel production.

That this is true is shown even now by the renewal of activity in the Redondo district by the General Petroleum corporation. This district is noted for its lack of gas pressure and small production of low gravity oil.

Yet the G. P. only a few days ago spudded in its Carson No. 3. It is shown also by Standard's willingness to drill several wells in the southwestern extension on the Marble ranch, where big production is not anticipated from the upper sands, at least.

NOTICE OF FILING OF UNPAID ASSESSMENT LIST

Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of February, 1924, J. J. Jessup, Street Superintendent of the City of Torrance, filed with me a complete list of assessments unpaid on account of the contract awarded H. G. Feraud for the paving and improvement of the roadway space of Amapolia Avenue, from the northern curb line of Carson street northerly to the southern line of Dominguez Street, excepting the crossing of Amapolia Avenue with Redondo Boulevard, and the southern roadway of Dominguez Street from the western curb line of Cota Avenue westerly to the eastern line of Madrid Avenue, and the roadways of Maricopa Street (formerly 208th Street), Sierra Street (formerly 210th Street), El Dorado Street (formerly 214th Street), and Sonoma Street (formerly 216th Street), each from the westerly curb line of Cota Avenue westerly to the eastern line of Madrid Avenue, under and pursuant to the provisions of the "Improvement Act of 1911," and to Resolution of Intention No. 129 and other Resolutions, Notices, and proceedings of said City duly adopted and taken under said Act, reference to said Resolution of Intention No. 129 passed on the 17th day of July, 1923, being hereby expressly made for a description of the work and the district therein mentioned, which Resolution of Intention, together with all subsequent Resolutions, Notices and Warrants relating to said proceedings contained a declaration as follows:

"Notice is hereby given that serial bonds to represent unpaid assessments and to bear interest at the rate of seven (7) per cent per annum will be issued hereunder in the manner provided by the Improvement Bond Act of 1916, the last installment of which bonds shall mature nine (9) years from the 2nd day of July, next succeeding nine (9) months from their date."

Interested persons are hereby notified that they may appear before the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting of said Board to be held on Tuesday, the 19th day of February, 1924, at the hour of 7 o'clock P. M., and show cause why bonds should not be issued upon the security of the unpaid assessments as shown on said list, that being the time fixed by me for such purpose.

ALBERT H. BARTLETT, (Seal) Clerk of Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. McKerzie were entertained at cards Monday by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ray of 929 Arlington avenue.

If You Succeed— Your success is cumulative. You cannot progress alone in business and every forward step of yours carries along other people on the same road. In this way, your city becomes prosperous and great. In exact ratio to your success or failure your city succeeds or fails. That's why we, as bankers, desire to see you succeed. That's why we make a point of rendering service to depositors and endeavor to safeguard them from financial reverses. COME IN ANY DAY. WE'LL WELCOME YOU State Exchange Bank "THE COMMUNITY BANK" WE PAY 4% ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS— TORRANCE CALIF.

The Voice Of the People (Contributions to this column are welcome subjects to the following conditions and rules. Letters should be plainly written on one side of the paper. The Editor reserves the usual right of editing. Letters on matters of religious controversy, personal attacks or containing libelous material will not be published. Letters in this department do not necessarily reflect the opinion of this paper. Short contributions are better than long ones. Keep contributions within 400 words.—Editor.) I wish I could tell you how much I enjoyed your fine editorial on Gandhi, which I think a masterpiece. I have long been an admirer of Gandhi and his idealism. The power of Mind and Passive Resistance is gradually being understood and I think people are beginning to realize that force, especially with the wrong principle back of it, will eventually bring destruction to the user. It will be a better day for individuals and Nations when they understand more clearly the Power of Mind and the strong influence for good that there is in right thinking. Editor: Mrs. W. J. Cox and Mrs. O. D. Stevenson will be hostesses at a Bunko and card party at Catholic hall Monday evening, Feb. 13. In view of the "Bunko" an exceptionally large attendance of younger persons is expected. POLICE NOTES Officer Dillon Sunday night confiscated an abandoned car in the Torrance business district. The car belonged to L. Peacock, Anaheim. Arrested by Chief Anderson on a statutory offense, H. O. Hansen and the mother of a 10-year-old boy were given their choice by Judge King of paying \$100 or serving 100 days. Sentence was suspended on the woman. Hansen paid his fine. CARDS AND BUNGO

YOUR ATTENTION Workmen Make Your Headquarters Here For Work Shoes BROWN ELK BIKE WORK Shoe with either Elk or Leather Sole \$2.25 Brown or Tan Heavy Work Shoe and Army Last \$2.85 WORK SHOE With Moccasin Toe and Chrome Sole \$3.75 Everything Here To Work With Men SAMLEVY Ladies New and Larger Store Torrance, Calif.